

Supervisor Romaine Visits Suffolk Transportation Service's New \$6 Million State-of-the-Art Transportation Hub in Coram

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Pictured left to right are Suffolk Transportation Service Executive Vice President Tom McAteer, CEO John Corrado, Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine and Brookhaven IDA Deputy Director Jim Tullo.

Brookhaven IDA provided benefits package for property acquisition

Company's first ever transportation hub in Brookhaven to create 150 new jobs

Farmingville, NY - On August 26th, Supervisor Ed Romaine joined officials from Suffolk Transportation Service at the company's new \$6 million transportation hub for school buses. The seven acre hub, the company's first in Brookhaven Town, was purchased with the assistance of the Town of Brookhaven Industrial Development Agency (IDA). It is located on Old Town Road in Coram just west of Route 112 and was formerly owned by the United Bus Corporation. When complete, the project will generate 150 new jobs in addition to the 100 employees currently reporting to the site.

"I am pleased to welcome Suffolk Transportation Service to their new, state-of-the-art Brookhaven facility," said Supervisor Romaine. "Thanks to the IDA, this property has been redeveloped and improved, creating much needed job opportunities for our residents that will pay dividends well into the future. When companies like Suffolk Transportation come to our Town, it reinforces the fact that Brookhaven is a great place to do business."

The Brookhaven IDA provided the standard benefits package: Property Tax abatement, Sales Tax abatement (construction materials and the preparation of the site), and Mortgage Recording Tax (if applicable). The Town also worked with the company to expedite the review process and permit issuance. In addition to the new 20,000 sq. ft. maintenance, dispatching and training facility, there is a new fueling station and the company will demolish an outdated structure on the site to make room for more vehicles.

During Supervisor Romaine's visit, Suffolk Transportation Service CEO John Corrado, presented one of three modified hybrid electric buses that the company retrofitted to be included in their fleet. He also noted that solar panels have been installed on the roof that will generate electric power to be used on-site. Supervisor Romaine commented, "I applaud John and the company for taking action to protect the environment and using clean,

renewable energy in the operation of their business."

Today, with a workforce of over 1,500 employees, Suffolk Transportation Service is the largest bus system in Suffolk County, serving over 25,000 school children and 10,000 public transit passengers each day. In addition to the new Coram transportation hub, the company has two facilities in Ronkonkoma, as well as facilities in Bay Shore, Brentwood and Islip.

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